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Answers, Mass.  
May 3, 1908.

Dear Marie,

I wrote a letter for you about a month ago but while it was lying around, waiting for mother to write a line to put with it, it was misplaced and I could not find it anywhere, so I will start anew.

It is real damp and cold here to-day quite a contrast to last Sunday which was as hot as a day in summer. We all



made it rather hard. I got along alright though and averaging these exams with the two I took on the first half of the book I got 98.5% so one thing is off of my mind. We probably will not have to take exams. in everything, thank goodness.

I think you wrote that you weighed about 114 pounds. I have not been weighed lately but guess it is somewhere around 110 lbs. Except from a cold I have been real well and I think myself lucky for most everybody has been ill around here.

Mildred Cress one of my dearest friends has been in bed about a month with nervous prostration

went to church this morning. Gordon goes with us right along now and behaves like a little man.

Just think: there are only about six weeks more to go to school before vacation. This winter has gone more than fast. Last week [the] our music teacher at the High School gave a Glee Club concert. It went off splendidly. There were several solos (songs) given; two readings, and selections from the chorus, (including the orchestra) and both <sup>the</sup> boys' + girls' glee clubs. (Carl + I played in the orchestra). I will send you a program.

I also had to take my final exams. in Latin last week, which



and rheumatism.

We observed Easter Day, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the church. There were fine services in the morning and a concert in the evening. Bibles were given to the shut-ins by the Sunday (day) School classes.

I hope we will be able to see each other this summer. I miss dear for although I can not remember you (that is how you look) I do remember the good times we had to-gether. Well I guess I have written enough for this time. I

hope you will write before long for I like to get your letters ever-so-much. Your loving cousin Lucy.

I have just found the letter & will put

it in with this.



Hanvers, Mass.,  
Mar. 22, 1908.

Dear Cousin,

I surely have not  
answered your letter very  
promptly but everything has  
dragged the last two weeks.  
School work has been extra  
hard, preparing for the  
spring exams. you know,  
so that, with the music  
and all, has kept me



is as warm as in summer. We opened up the parlor a week ago and moved the piano in there. The first of the week was quite mild and we were able to keep it open but a cold snap came off so it has been closed since Wednesday. It is better to-day though and although the wind blows hard, it is warmer.

I went to Church and Sunday School this morning and Carl and I are going to play at Christian Endeavor



quite busy, but vacation will soon  
be here now. (Cur begins the 27th  
of this month and we have one week).

Mother, Gordon, and Papa, all  
have had colds but aside from  
that we have been real well.

measles has been very abundant  
in flowers and middleton,  
and quite a number of my  
school mates have been out  
sick, either with them or  
colds. The weather has been  
enough to make any one sick,  
for first it is cold enough  
to freeze you and then it

this evening. We have a fine minister  
and we all like him.

I was glad <sup>to hear</sup> that you were  
rid of your cough and <sup>was</sup> were go-  
ing back to school. Although  
the work is pretty hard I  
enjoy it and would not  
give up school for a good  
deal. I have not been weighed  
very lately but I believe I  
weigh something like 110 lbs.  
so you don't distance me by  
much. Well. I hope dear,  
I hope you will do better than  
I have done in answering and  
I promise <sup>to</sup> do better next time.

To see my love for all and help a good  
cause for your self. I am in love.

I wonder if I told you  
that I found the church near.